

EXERCISE 4

Read the second paragraph of the text again and the four statements. Choose the two statements that best match the opinions of Patrick Carter and Adrian Gates.

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Statements

1. An increasing number of employers will want employees to have the right personality.
2. It is normal for companies to reduce the number of employees so that they can increase their profits.
3. Some jobs that people did in the past were boring and led to health problems.
4. Companies will increasingly appreciate the abilities of young people.

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Many people are optimistic about these changes. Patrick Carter, educational consultant at City University, looks forward to a world where the types of jobs people do will be more rewarding than ever before: 'Think of the jobs many people have been forced to do throughout history that were poorly paid and caused illness or injury,' he says. 'People look back and say "the old days" were great, but they forget how difficult life was for many employees in factories, who often had to do the same task again and again, for ten or more hours a day.' Carter feels that the use of robots to build and make products can only bring positive change. However, not everyone shares this kind of optimism. Adrian Gates, a human resources consultant at Pro-Com Enterprises, points out that, as new technologies replace humans, there will be a huge decrease in the demand for employees: 'Jobs for accountants and retail workers, for example, will disappear. History proves that employers are willing to lose workers in order to make as much money as possible. And some of those employees will find it very difficult to retrain for a completely different career.'

Patrick Carter

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Adrian Gates

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